

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim 11 is currently amended in this application. Claims 12-18 were previously amended.

In view of the examiner's earlier comments, this invention differs from all other cited references in three ways:

1. No tools are needed to assemble this device.
2. The controlled rate gas spring damper is not used for additional extension or retraction of the ramp. Its only use is to modify the rate of movement of the ramp and does not require the use of an outside power source.
3. The ramp itself prevents high centering of the motorcycle by providing a planar, or flat, surface, which is unique to this system, unlike other references which show a significant change in attitude and produce a sharp angular juncture at the connection point of the ramp to the truck bed, thus giving the high probability for high centering the motorcycle being loaded in the pickup truck bed.